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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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English & Media subject specific general marking principles

(To be read in conjunction with the Generic Marking Principles (and requiring further guidance on how to place marks within levels))

Components using level descriptors:

- We use level descriptors as a guide to broad understanding of the qualities normally expected of, or typical of, work in a level.
- Level descriptors are a means of general guidance, and should not be interpreted as hurdle statements.
- Where indicative content notes are supplied for a question, these are *not* a prescription of required content, and must not be treated as such. Alternative correct points and unexpected answers in candidates' scripts must be given marks that fairly reflect the knowledge and skills demonstrated.
- While we may have legitimate expectations as to the ground most answers may occupy, we must at all times be prepared to meet candidates on their chosen ground, provided it is relevant ground (e.g. clearly related to and derived from a relevant passage/text and meeting the mark scheme requirements for the question).

English Language specific marking instructions:

AO1 Read and demonstrate understanding of a wide variety of texts. (Understanding)

- Marks should be awarded for the accuracy of the candidate's understanding of the text and its features, **not** for any analysis of them which is recognised under AO3.
- Where comparison is required, marks should be awarded for the candidate's recognition of similarities and differences between the texts and their features, **not** for any consequent analysis.
- When awarding a 'best-fit' mark within a Level for each AO, consider each bullet point equally.

AO2 Write effectively, creatively, accurately and appropriately, for a range of audiences and purposes. (Writing)

- Marks should be awarded equally on the basis of the level of the candidate's written expression (range of features used and accuracy) and the development of their writing (its organisation and relevance to task and audience).
- When awarding a 'best-fit' mark within a Level for each AO, consider each bullet point equally.

AO4: Demonstrate understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches. (Conceptualisation)

- Marks should be awarded equally on the basis of the level of the candidate's understanding of the relevant issues, concepts, methods and approaches represented both in the text(s) and in their wider studies.
- When awarding a 'best-fit' mark within a Level for each AO, consider each bullet point equally.

AO5: Analyse and synthesise language data from a variety of sources. (Data handling)

- Marks should be awarded equally on the basis of the level of the candidate's selection, analysis and synthesis of language data.
- When awarding a 'best-fit' mark within a Level for each AO, consider each bullet point equally.

Higher marks should be awarded where candidates identify patterns and offer thoughtful and plausible explanations for the features they are discussing.

Weaker answers may spot features or describe individual cases of language change without reference to broader considerations or examples.

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Section A: Language change

Question	Answer	Marks
1	Read <u>Texts A</u> , <u>B</u> and <u>C</u> .	25
	Analyse how <u>Text A</u> exemplifies the various ways in which the English language has changed over time. In your answer, you should refer to specific details from <u>Texts A</u> , <u>B</u> and <u>C</u> , as well as to ideas and examples from your wider study of language change.	
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria in Table A.	
	Additional guidance:	
	The comments below are illustrative and are not intended to be exhaustive. Candidates may make other valid comments that should be credited.	
	Candidates may organise their response in any appropriate way. They are not required to focus on lexis, grammar and syntax, orthography and graphology in separate sections.	
	Responses might feature the following:	
	 Lexis A range of lexis is used from the field of sport and music: <i>fowling</i>; <i>fhinty</i>; <i>bagpipes</i>; <i>Trump</i>. Some of this lexis is still in use today. The compound nouns (e.g. <i>putting-ftones</i>, <i>fire-fide</i>) are hyphenated, which would seem unusual today. They may be more likely to be written without a hyphen by modern writers, perhaps reflecting the tendency over time for compound words to begin by being written with a space, then to be hyphenated, then written solidly without a hyphen. The verb <i>fowling</i> – meaning a hunting sport – today sounds archaic. The term <i>amusements</i> is still used today, although it has undergone a lexical broadening, as demonstrated in Text B. The word <i>chiefly</i> has declined in use, possibly due to changes in social structures (and <i>the abolition of the power of the chieftans</i>). Today we would be more likely to say 'mainly' or 'mostly'. The word <i>carrol</i> is here used as a synonym of the verb 'sing', whereas we are today more familiar with it as a noun. <i>quite</i> in <i>is quite lost</i> has undergone a lexical shift, as it was previously used as an intensifier and now is weaker in meaning. The word <i>parties</i> has now been replaced by 'teams' in this context. 	

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Question	Answer	Marks
1	 Grammar Text C shows a crossover between <i>is become</i>, as in Text A, and the more contemporary <i>has become</i>, demonstrating a change in the construction of the present perfect. There is a perceived mismatch in subject-verb agreement in the phrase <i>the other are of Irish origin</i>. Sentences are generally long, extended by semi-colons. Shorter sentences would be expected in contemporary texts. Orthography 	
	 The spelling of the word <i>carrol</i> with a double <i>r</i> is not standard today. The adjective <i>antient</i> is today spelt 'ancient'. <i>mufick</i> is now spelt 'music', without a <i>k</i> and demonstrating the loss of the long <i>f</i>. 	

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Marking criteria for Section A Question 1

Table A

Level	AO2: Write effectively, creatively, accurately and appropriately, for a range of audiences and purposes. 5 marks	AO4: Demonstrate understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches. 5 marks	AO5: Analyse and synthesise language data from a variety of sources. 15 marks
5	 Sophisticated expression, with a high level of accuracy Content is fully relevant; ideas are developed throughout in a sophisticated manner 5 marks 	• Sophisticated understanding of, and insightful reference to, linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches 5 marks	 Insightful and fully appropriate selection of language data from all three sources Sophisticated and insightful analysis of language data Sophisticated synthesis of evidence from all three sources of language data 13–15 marks
4	 Effective expression, with a few minor errors which do not impede communication Content is relevant; ideas are developed in an effective manner 4 marks 	• Detailed understanding of, and effective reference to, linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches 4 marks	 Effective and appropriate selection of language data from all three sources Detailed and effective analysis of language data Effective synthesis of evidence from all three sources of language data 10–12 marks
3	 Clear expression, with occasional errors which do not impede communication Content is relevant; ideas are developed clearly 3 marks 	 Clear understanding of, and appropriate reference to, linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches 3 marks 	 Clear and appropriate selection of language data from at least two sources Clear analysis of language data Clear synthesis of evidence from at least two sources of language data 7–9 marks
2	 Expression is clear but may not flow easily, with frequent errors which generally do not impede communication Content is mostly relevant; ideas are developed in a limited manner 2 marks 	 Limited understanding of, but generally appropriate reference to, linguistic issues, concepts, methods and/or approaches 2 marks 	 Limited and generally appropriate selection of language data; may be uneven coverage Limited analysis of language data Some attempt to synthesise evidence from sources of language data 4–6 marks

Level	AO2: Write effectively, creatively, accurately and appropriately, for a range of audiences and purposes. 5 marks	AO4: Demonstrate understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches. 5 marks	AO5: Analyse and synthesise language data from a variety of sources. 15 marks
1	 Basic expression, with frequent errors which impede communication Content may lack relevance in parts; minimal development of ideas 1 mark 	 Basic understanding of, and minimal reference to, linguistic issues, concepts, methods and/or approaches 1 mark 	 Basic and minimal selection of language data Basic analysis of language data Minimal attempt to synthesise evidence from sources of language data 1–3 marks
0	No creditable response 0 marks	No creditable response 0 marks	No creditable response 0 marks

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Section B: Child language acquisition

Question	Answer	Marks
2	Read the following text, which is a transcription of a conversation between Luke (age 4 years) and his father. They are at home.	25
	Analyse ways in which Luke and his father are using language in this conversation. In your answer, you should refer to specific details from the transcription, as well as to ideas and examples from your wider study of child language acquisition.	
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria in Table B.	
	Additional guidance:	
	The comments below are illustrative and are not intended to be exhaustive. Candidates may make other valid comments that should be credited.	
	Candidates may organise their response in any appropriate way. They are not required to focus on child-directed speech and children's language features in separate sections.	
	Responses might feature the following:	
	 Child-directed speech The father uses a variety of question types as a way of directing the speech. Positive reinforcement is given (<i>wow thats a big family</i>), which could be linked to Skinner's theory of behaviourism. Rising intonation is added to declaratives to form questions e.g. <i>thats your whole family</i>. Pronouns and verbs in questions are stressed, e.g. <i>are <u>you</u> an only child</i>; <i>why do you <u>do</u> that</i>. Recasting is used to correct Luke's speech e.g. <i>you thought it up next year y</i>. 	

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Question	Answer	Marks
2	 Children's language features Luke generally uses turn taking competently. The exchanges are mostly fulfilled adjacency pairs although Luke does not answer the question asked in line 18 immediately Father: whos bun? Luke: oh and dont remember sonny There are occasional overlaps created by Luke continuing to talk after back channelling or supportive monitoring talk from his father. Luke is able to use the simple present tense consistently and also uses simple past tense constructions e.g. nothing just happened. Luke uses a non standard construction in <i>it come from a surname</i>. He is perhaps unsure about the irregular past tense came that could be used here in standard grammar, or alternatively of the need for subject-verb agreement to make <i>it comes from</i> Luke also uses a non standard term: <i>i</i>/stnkd/ <i>it up</i>. Here he applies the regular rules adding an <i>-ed</i> to make a past tense ending but the correct word <i>think</i> is non standard and so does not require this suffix. This could be linked to Chomsky's notion of a language acquisition device. Luke uses a range of other lexical features including correct use of the singular personal pronouns / and <i>me</i> in the subject and object positions, use of the determiners <i>my</i> and <i>this</i>, and use of the subordinating conjunction <i>because</i>. Luke uses scure with <i>dont remember sonny</i> (he means 'don't forget Sonny') and <i>no i did</i>/stnk/ <i>it up this year</i> where the negative form is omitted. Luke uses compound sentences competently e.g. <i>i got him (1) and i got eliana</i>. However, sometimes the connective used does not appear to match the meaning e.g. <i>oh un is grandma (.) but i always call grandma bun</i>. Use of stress and increased volume for emphasis e.g. <i>because i like it.</i>? Child phonological competence, e.g. using /stnk/ for 'think'. Candidates may discuss the semantics of <i>dont remember</i> which seems to be used instead of 'don't forget', and the refere	
	 References to relevant theories and research should be integrated into the response and may include: Halliday's functions of language. E.g. Representational – <i>bun is grandma</i>. Chomsky (innateness/language acquisition device) as above. Skinner (Behaviourism), e.g. positive reinforcement (see above). Bruner (Language Acquisition Support System), e.g. seen in the utterances of the father. Luke is in the preoperational stage (Piaget). Luke's utterances are post-telegraphic. 	

Marking criteria for Section B Question 2

Table B

Level	AO1: Read and demonstrate understanding of a wide variety of texts. 5 marks	AO4: Demonstrate understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches. 15 marks	AO5: Analyse and synthesise language data from a variety of sources. 5 marks
5	 Sophisticated understanding of text (meaning/context/audience) Insightful reference to characteristic features 5 marks 	 Sophisticated understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches Insightful reference to wider study of linguistic issues and concepts Insightful reference to linguistic methods and approaches taken by fully appropriate theorists 	 Sophisticated selection, analysis and synthesis of language data 5 marks
4	 Detailed understanding of text (meaning/context/audience) Effective reference to characteristic features 4 marks 	 Detailed understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches Effective reference to wider study of linguistic issues and concepts Effective reference to linguistic methods and approaches taken by appropriate theorists 10–12 marks 	 Detailed selection, analysis and synthesis of language data 4 marks
3	 Clear understanding of text (meaning/context/audience) Clear reference to characteristic features 3 marks 	 Clear understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches Clear reference to wider study of linguistic issues and concepts Clear reference to linguistic methods and approaches taken by appropriate theorists 7–9 marks 	 Clear selection, analysis and synthesis of language data 3 marks
2	 Limited understanding of text (meaning/context/audience) Limited reference to characteristic features 2 marks 	 Limited understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and/or approaches Some limited reference to wider study of linguistic issues and/or concepts Some limited reference to linguistic methods and/or approaches taken by generally appropriate theorists 4–6 marks 	 Limited selection, analysis and/or synthesis of language data 2 marks

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Level		AO4: Demonstrate understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and approaches. 15 marks	AO5: Analyse and synthesise language data from a variety of sources. 5 marks
1	 Basic understanding of text (meaning/context/audience) Minimal reference to characteristic features 	 Basic understanding of linguistic issues, concepts, methods and/or approaches Minimal reference to wider study of linguistic issues and/or concepts Minimal reference to linguistic methods and/or approaches taken by theorists 	 Basic selection, analysis and/or synthesis of language data
	1 mark	1–3 marks	1 mark
0	No creditable response 0 marks	No creditable response 0 marks	 No creditable response 0 marks